

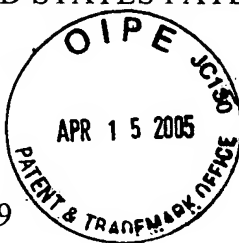
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In re Patent Application of

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 23 – 38 are pending and stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,712,815, the parent to the present application.

A terminal disclaimer is provided herewith. In view of the terminal disclaimer, the double patenting rejection has been overcome. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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